



Here lies Lancelot du Lac,
son of King Ban of Benoic



Chapter Three:

Dolorous Guard



If you're the son of King Ben of Bernice, doesn't that make you Prince Galahad, the name that's appeared on the Shaga Pockbook?

Feeling vindicated?

I told you my real name is Lancelot



You're even more foolish than I thought!

You've just lost something you should have held dear, and you... you don't even realize it.

A name's a name.



You... it's easier to rub spots off a bull* than it is to cure you of stupidity. What am I to do with you?

That's easy. I'm not a bull, spotted or not, my lady.

*The story later reveals that Galahad is destined as prophesied to be born white bulls' feet spotted and red, with a red, pointed, upright horn on his forehead.



Mother... who's telling me the truth?



Am I Galahad, or am I not?



No, Kay, I'm
really worried
about Galahad.
He just turned
seventeen! That's
barely old enough
to be a virgin!

Why bother?
The boy chose
the task himself.



It's all the events
in the North that's
got me so fearful.

Belar, in some sort of misguided attempt
to win back his seat, has killed King
Pelles' wayward brother, Garlan*
— which wouldn't be so bad but
he wounded Pelles in the passing
with the Holy Spear.**

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health of the Fisher King,
and the wound is not healing.

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So what? Belar's dead
now, fulfilling the curse
of the sword for which
he murdered a lady.

He killed the man his
loved most, his younger
brother Belar, just before
Belar delivered a fatal
wound to Belar, so they
both didn't recognize each
other. Strange, isn't it?



Be glad that the world's
rid of some blood thirsty
knights.



I will send Gawaine to
the Lady of Nohaut to
check on the boy.



My lady, we are
yours, to live or
die by your
command.

Who sent you?
A knight of mine,
you say?

We don't exactly
know, my lady.
He refuses to give
us a proper name.



Guinevere thought, she
had knighted many men
and many have claimed to
be the Queen's knight...

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue headscarf with a gold headband and a purple dress with gold trim, is shown in profile, looking up at a glowing, blue, oval-shaped orb. The background is dark with white sparkles. In the top right corner, there are two inset panels. The left inset shows a close-up of a person's face with their hand near their mouth. The right inset shows a person's face with a red mark on their cheek.

... but none as
devoted as the
comely youth.

She believed she
could indulge his
adoration without
consequence.

Go - tell your
lord that you
are pardoned.

It was a fatal course of action.

Near Dolores Prison,
Copper Knight Randall's
other stronghold

Comrades, they're
still following us...

Ignore them for
now. They bear
the Copper Knight's
device, and he is not
known to be the High
King's foe.

STOP

Halt!

Good sirs,
whence do
you hail?

We are instructed to
let all pass except
any men from
the High King





The next morning,
Sir Gawaine's shield,
along with the twenty
knights that accompanied
him, were displayed on
the wall of Dolores Prison

Rumours circulated
that Lord Brandin,
the Copper Knight,
had killed the Knight-Captain



Preposterous!

What does Brandin
have against me
or Gawaine?

I'm going there
myself to see what
is going on

Please send a
message to the
Queen that I
will be unable
to join her for
supper or Mass
tonight

THUMP!



My lord King,
the Queen says
that if you so
permit, she would
like to accompany
you to the North

She and her
ladies-in-waiting
will be ready
by noon.

He thought that
she might have
been trying to
get closer to
himself.

Maybe they
would be
happier in
this marriage
now.



BAM BAM BAM
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Open up now
and tell me what
you did with
Sir Gawaine!

Is the boy ^{there} inside?
This is day three
he's been napping
on the gate!

Doesn't he need
to sleep sometimes?

Meanwhile,
Golbhad was
experiencing
firsthand how
annoying siege
warfare can be.



My lord, what should we do with the Knight of the Red Bands?

Lord Brandin of the Isles, the Copper Knight



Ignore the small fry.

I've received word that the High King himself rides this way and - oddly enough - the Queen as well.



Queen Guinevere is said to be the most beautiful woman in the world.

If Arthur dares to use this excuse of a knight to take what my lands, I'll take what he holds dear.

Come out and face me properly!

BAM
BAM
BAM





My lord, I urge
you to be careful.
Lord Brandin's forces
are bound to him
as long as he holds
the castle, by old
enchancements.

PAUCK
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And he has control
of two ogres, monsters
capable of crushing
men in one hand



Ha!

Either Arthur
is a fool, or he
trusts in his knights
too much

His escort is no
more than one
hundred men at
most

You would think
the High King would
come with more men,
especially since his
wife is coming along.

No matter. We
will attack shortly
after midnight





What did
you say?!?

Il Chevalier Mestais

The Knight Who Sinned

Chapter 3: Delicious Guard
(to be continued)

